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Dear Mr. Steen,

I do appreciate your card and letter.

I've established a separate file for possuble corrections in Post Mortem. In some cases, during the reproduction process, some fell off. They had been affixed with a special wax and perhaps the area of contact was too small. Your card and letter will be there is in the future we have to refer to them.

In time you will come in Post Mortem to my efforts with it that include my interest in an honest condensation that could not survive without the backstopping of the unabridged version. Here is where your friend at Penguin might have an interest that, aside from distribution in England, could interest me.

The y now also own Viking, which has been hungup on this subject. Of course what the combination of Viking and Penguin could do with an honest condensation could interest me very much.

In fact, in the hope that such an opportunity might present itself some time ago I asked a writer friend who is wel-grounded in the subject if he'd agree to be the one who does the condensing.

I have made an unprofitable arrangement to get this and the other books in commercial channels. I hope that when then can be trucked this will begin.

While my main and unselfish purpose is to get them out, whether or not profitably, I also am in a situation where I mist conserve every minute. I'm into much more than you can imagine, am tiring and there is no remissioon in the phlebitis. It severly limits what I can do, even the time I can spend typing. I want evern minute I can find for my many FOIA suits to end suppression and expose truth and for further writing.

So, if I do not respond to what does not require response, please bear in mind that this is the reason. Now I have a lecture bureau who has booked a few appearances. With no income this is the one diversion from work I can justify: I have to survive. I have just returned from such a (quite successful) appearance.

In my belief were a publisher like Penguin/Viking to really promote a solid condensation of Post Morten they could break the case open. The superficialities in Congress, which are peripheral, do not seem to hold this promise.

Thanks for your suggestions and interest. Please understand I have no time to read and correct my terrible typing. It is worse because what time I can sit has to be with both legs up. Not easy!

With sincere thanks,

I do appreciate the thoughtdulness and time-save of the adressed, stamped envelope.